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General Lemuel C. Shepherd, Jr., USMC  
Chairman, Inter-American Defense Board  
2600 16th Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Shepherd:

Thank you for your letter of 25 August 1958, addressed to the Director. This Agency will be happy to make the presentations which you have suggested for the benefit of your International Staff as well as the Board's Council of Delegates.

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In accordance with your suggestion I have designated Mr. [redacted] [redacted] of the Agency's Office of Training to work out the details with Brigadier General Skaer and will have him communicate with General Skaer at once. In addition to the subjects which you suggest, the Agency's Inspector General will initiate the series of presentations with a briefing on the U. S. intelligence community with attention focused on the organization, mission and function of this Agency.

I am sure that Mr. Dulles will also agree that the IADE does present an unusual opportunity to acquaint the leaders and the future leaders of Latin America with some basic concepts bearing upon the threat of international communism posed by the Soviet Union to the security of this Hemisphere. I shall call your letter to his attention upon his return.

Sincerely,

Signed

C. P. Cabell  
General, USAF  
Acting Director

ORIGINATED BY:

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Acting Director of Training

Date

5 September 1958

CONCURRENCE:

(signed) M. Gates Lloyd

Acting Deputy Director (Support)

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INTER-AMERICAN DEFENSE BOARD

2600 - 16TH STREET, N. W.  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

25 August 1958

Dear Allen:

The Inter-American Defense Board (IADB) is charged with military planning of the common defense of the United States and the Latin-American nations of this Hemisphere. In the performance of my duties as Chairman of the IADB, I am assisted by an International Staff of 22 field grade officers, headed by Brigadier General William K. Skaer, USAF. The Staff meets daily to draw up plans and studies, as directed, for review by the Board's Council of Delegates which is composed of senior representatives from the twenty-one American Republics.

I have felt for some time that the IADB presents an unusual opportunity to acquaint the leaders and the future leaders in Latin America with some basic concepts bearing upon the threat of international communism posed by the Soviet Union to the security of this Hemisphere. For this reason, in confirmation of informal coordination effected through the good offices of your Deputy for Intelligence, Mr. Robert Amory, Jr., I request that a series of presentations, classified through CONFIDENTIAL, be given in English at the IADB to my Staff every week beginning in early October. Members of the Council of Delegates will also be invited to attend these presentations.

The following subjects appear to me particularly appropriate: Basis of Communist Thought; Development and Status of Communist Organization; Communist Strategy and Tactics; The Communist Movement Today; Soviet Economy, Resources, Trade, and Industry; and World Objectives of the USSR.

I shall be very pleased if you suggest the addition of further briefings. For example, I shall be delighted if you wish to include a briefing on the U. S. intelligence community, with attention focused on the organization, mission and functions of the Central Intelligence Agency. Such a subject might appropriately initiate the series of presentations.

25 August 1958

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If this program meets with your approval, Brigadier General Skaer will be happy to work out the details with whomever you may designate.

Yours very sincerely,



LEMUEL C. SHEPHERD, JR.  
General, U.S. Marine Corps  
Chairman

Mr. Allen Welsh Dulles  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
2430 E Street, N. W.  
Washington 25, D. C.

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE ACTING DIRECTOR

The attached proposed letter to General Lemuel C. Shepherd, Jr., USMC, Chairman of the Inter-American Defense Board, confirms the arrangements for a series of presentations by the Agency to the International Staff as well as the Board's Council of Delegates.

Recommend signature.

H. GATES LLOYD  
Acting Deputy Director  
(Support)  
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